

WV Health Innovation Collaborative Newsletter

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Recap of March Meetings

Better Care: The Better Care workgroup met on March 24, 2015. Dr. Arnie Hassen presented an overview of the deliverables for the WV State Innovation Model (SIM) grant; an outline on quality of care measures; and how the work group should coordinate with the Better Health and Lower Cost work groups to achieve a unified goal around the SIM.

Better Health: The Better Health work group met on March 26, 2015. Amanda McCarty provided discussion on how the Better Health workgroup will be used as part of the State Health Improvement Plan framework for identifying priorities and implementation. Lesley Cottrell and Sarah Woodrum discussed the SIM grant and Better Health's role with that initiative.

Lower Cost: The Lower Cost workgroup met on March 18, 2015. Sharon Carte, CHIP Director, and Jean Kranz, Project Manager for the Tri-State Children's Health Improvement Consortium, provided a presentation on pediatric ER use in WV. Christina Mullins, Director of the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health in the Bureau for Public Health, presented on the Bureau's recent grant award for home visitation services to help educate new pregnant women and families about positive parenting and health.

For meeting notes, presentations, and other information, be sure to check out the www.wvhicollaborative.wv.gov website!

Announcements From Our Partners

The Future of Nursing WV (FONWV) Action Coalition received a \$150,000 State Implementation Program (SIP) grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) to initiate an online Nursing Transition to Practice and Leadership Project. Additional grants were received from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, Sisters of St Joseph Charitable Fund, Logan Healthcare Foundation and the WV Center for Nursing.

FONWV is a statewide action coalition chartered through the Center to Champion Nursing in America, a partnership between RWJF and AARP, charged with advancing healthcare through implementing the eight recommendations of the Institute of Medicine report, *"The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health"* (2010). The FONWV focuses on improving the culture of health in WV through advancing nursing education, practice and leadership.

Aila Accad, MSN, RN is the newly contracted Executive Director for FONWV.

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The [West Virginia University School of Public Health's Public Health Dialogues Speaker Series](#) will conclude for the spring semester with two sessions in April.

Helen Matheny, director of the West Virginia Alzheimer's Outreach and Registry Program in the Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute, will speak on "Why You Should Care about 'Still Alice' and the Five Million Other Americans Living with Alzheimer's Disease" on Wednesday, April 1 in Room 1905 of the [WVU Health Sciences Center](#). Lunch will start at 11:30 a.m., and Matheny will begin her presentation at 11:45 a.m. The session is sponsored by the WVU Gamma Mu chapter of Delta Omega.

Bruce Seifer, author of "Sustainable Communities: Creating a Durable Local Economy" will speak on "Economic Development and Population Health," on Friday, April 10 also in Room 1905. Lunch is available at noon, and Seifer will begin his presentation at 12:15 p.m.

The Public Health Dialogues Speaker Series is sponsored by the [School of Public Health's Office of Public Health Practice and Workforce Development](#). It is free and open to the public.

Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to SPH-Dialogues@hsc.wvu.edu and indicate which events they plan to attend in the subject line of the email.

Announcements From Our Partners Con't

Experts across the state were invited to participate in the WV Diabetes Task Force meeting that took place March 24 at the Holiday Inn and Suites in South Charleston, WV. Over 50 persons participated in this meeting representing local health departments, federally qualified health centers, hospitals, higher education, pharmacies, state associations, insurers, Diabetes Self-Management Education Programs, and more.

The Task Force is facilitated by the Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease/WV Bureau for Public Health staff with the purpose of:

Strengthening the National Diabetes Prevention Program

Increasing the number of American Diabetes Association and American Association of Diabetes Educators recognized and accredited sites and other Diabetes Self-Management Education programs

Developing a "return on investment" document for diabetes prevention

This Task Force will act on strategies to increase awareness of these programs amongst health care providers and consumers; increase access to these programs; strengthen referral and follow up processes between health care providers and these programs; and consider feasible reimbursement strategies.

Dr. Rahul Gupta, WV Bureau for Public Health Commissioner and State Health Officer, opened the session and staff provided results of program leader assessments that have been completed since the initial kick off meeting that was conducted last October. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11.

For more information on how you can be involved, please contact Jessica Wright, Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Director at 304-356-4193 or Jessica.G.Wright@wv.gov.

Save the Date!

Communicating Science and Health: An Interprofessional Workshop for Faculty, WVU Health Sciences Center, Office of Interprofessional Education, April 10, 2015, Room 2940 HSC North, Morgantown, WV.

63rd Annual Scientific Assembly, WV Academy of Family Physicians, April 16-18, 2015, Embassy Suites, Charleston, WV.
<http://www.wvafp.org/meetings/>

2015 WV Governance Forum, May 1-2, 2015, Stonewall Resort and Conference Center, Roanoke, WV.
www.wvgovernanceforum.org

Choosing Wisely Conference, May 6, 2015, Edgewood Country Club, Charleston, WV. See brochure attachment for more details.

Senior Conference, May 19-21, 2015, Cedar Lakes Conference Center, Ripley, WV.

April Workgroup Meetings

- **Lower Cost:** April 15, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
- **Better Health:** April 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **Better Care:** April 21, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

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